

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph at page 26, bridging to page 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Also, site-specific mutation can be introduced easily by the use of commercially available kits. Examples of such kits include MUTAN~~Mutan~~®-G Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) in which the gapped duplex method is used, MUTAN~~Mutan~~®-K Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) in which the Kunkel method is used, MUTAN~~Mutan~~®-Express Km Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) in which the ODA (Oligonucleotide-directed Dual Amber) method is used and QUICKCHANGE~~QuickChange~~® Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by STRATAGENE) in which primers for mutation use and Pyrococcus furiosus DNA polymerase are used, as well as TaKaRa BIOMEDICALS LA PCR in vitro Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) and MUTAN~~Mutan~~®-Super Express Km in vitro Mutagenesis Kit (manufactured by Takara Shuzo) (based on ODA method utilizing the advantage of LA (Long and Accurate) PCR technology) as kits in which PCR is used.